

**EDITORIAL**

**Fear and mistrust**

On September 1, Korean Airlines flight 007 was shot down over Sakhalin.

Last Thursday, Federal Court Judge Alex Cattanach allowed a case to go to court to determine whether or not testing the Cruise missile at Cold Lake is unconstitutional. This is the first time in Canadian history that a challenge to a cabinet decision has gone to court.

Ironically, events such as the shooting down of flight 007 - which point up the folly of the arms race - always manage to stir up hysteria in support of items like the Cruise which escalate this very same arms race.

The John Birch Society claims the Russians shot down the KAL 747 because they were afraid of Congressman Lawrence McDonald, who was aboard. McDonald was president of the society and evidently the KGB is always on the lookout for innovative assassination methods.

Such conspiracy theories are ludicrous. Even *Time* magazine admits the Politburo knew nothing of the attack. Furthermore, the Soviets were not the only ones involved. The John Birch Society's theory does not explain why the plane was off course, or why the National Security Agency which was carefully monitoring flight 007 failed to warn the pilot.

The 269 people who died on September 1 were victims of an accident. The simplistic Commie-bashing of the John Birch Society and others will not prevent future, possibly more serious accidents. A more radical solution is required.

When two superpowers that do not like each other have the capability to completely destroy each other, a certain amount of fear and mistrust is inevitably created. Fear and mistrust lead to tension and paranoia which in turn lead to mistakes and accidents. The pro-Cruise people seem to be incapable of making these simple associations.

It is an empirical and historical fact that arms races usually result in war - that is why the Cruise should not be tested at Cold Lake or anywhere else, let alone deployed.

The Cruise is a major advance in weapons technology: it is cheap, mobile, and most importantly, it can hug the ground it is flying over so closely that it is virtually undetectable by radar. There is nothing defensive about this weapon; it is certainly not a response to anything the Soviets have because the Soviets have nothing like it.

The Americans have been responsible for every weapons advance since WWII. They developed the first atom bomb, the first hydrogen bomb, the first ballistic-missile-launching submarine, and they were the first to put multiple warheads on missiles. Now they have the Cruise. Since WWII the Soviets have been one step behind. It is time the West stopped giving them anything to catch up to.

As a result of the demise of flight 007, our friends from the John Birch Society want to sever all relations with the Soviet Union and increase the defense budget.

This is a most bizarre and backward form of reasoning. No good can come from worsening the already tense relations between the White House and the Kremlin. Rather, we must decrease the tension to the point where ground controllers in Sakhalin do not assume the worst about every violation of their airspace.

Testing the Cruise is a hostile action which will spark another round of weapons research. Scrapping the Cruise would be a step in the right direction.

There is little chance the courts will find the testing of the Cruise unconstitutional, but we must hope.

**Mark Roppel**

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A regal fellow, Kevin Arthur met legal beagle Michael Walker, and on and on they rambled. Daniel Watson, Jordan Peterson, Ian Ferguson, Sarah Hickson, Visual types we drew them out; Eileen Crookes and Cameron Mills, took Ron Caban out to the hills, where they found Terry Lindberg and Elizabeth MacDonell eating cakes and honey. And Peter Michalyszyn, our man with a mission, is seeking out Algard and his mystical vision...

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**« LETTERS TO THE EDITOR »**

**I.S.O. hello!**

On behalf of International Students Organization I welcome newly-arrived international students to the University of Alberta and wish them a pleasant stay in Canada.

I.S.O. is an organization of the U of A campus which consists of international and internationally minded students (including Canadians) from over 70 countries. I.S.O. was formed about 10 years ago with the idea of bringing international students together for social, cultural and educational activities. I.S.O. encourages students to get involved in international student activities, in order to provide intercultural awareness and understanding.

I.S.O. activities include: orientation information for incoming students; social activities, parties, trips, picnics, visits to Canadian families; cultural and educational activities, displays of different cultures, film nights, seminars; also, information and help is provided for students with individual problems on an informal level. All activities happen in close cooperation with the International Students Office of the University.

I.S.O. activities are for everyone internationally minded - become a member at International Office, 225 Athabasca Hall, or at any I.S.O. activity (next being a trip to Jasper at Thanksgiving). Old members: renew your membership!

M. Sadiq Nargal  
 President I.S.O.

**Whorehouse blues**

I am writing in response to Ken Lenz's editorial regarding prostitution (*Gateway*, September 15, 1983, p. 4). First, Lenz neglected to confirm the legal status of prostitution, a relatively simple task, but one which he overlooked nonetheless. Had he done so, Lenz would have learned that prostitution in Canada is not a crime; soliciting is. Secondly, it appears that Lenz has not bothered to research the area of sexual abuse, most of which is inflicted on girls and women, and of which prostitution is merely one related area. To state that prostitution is a crime "without a victim" and nothing more than "an exchange of services for resources" where "both the buyer and the seller are generally happy" indicates a dangerously myopic understanding in regard to the dynamics of prostitution.

Florence Rush, in her paper entitled "Child Pornography," points out that "There are over one million runaways each year, and more often than not they survive by prostitution and posing for the pornography trade." Kidnapping also contributes to prostitution, as the young Morgan girl from Edmonton well knows. Susan Brownmiller, in *Against Our Will - Men, Women and Rape*, reports that "Psychiatric case studies of prostitutes unearth accounts of childhood rape or molestation by relatives with stunning regularity." Furthermore, the information obtained from sexual assault centres across Canada, from counsellors working with prostitutes, and from documentaries of prostitutes themselves indicates that most prostitutes are young teenagers who have run away from homes in which they have been enduring sexual and/or other forms

of physical assault for years. Prostitution, then, becomes an extension of such abuse in order to survive. Hardly a "happy exchange of services for resources."

Lenz's myopic vision and inconsistent logic are clearly exemplified further by his "embarrassingly obvious solution" to the "problems associated with prostitution." For example, to rid "hookers" of their pimps, Lenz proposes that the provincial government establish brothels to be "run by civil servants (a euphemism for hookers?) and policed by a relatively small number of cops." Doctors would be employed to service the employees, dividing the socially diseased from the disease-free personnel.

I have read of various ways people have used to indicate the difference between those who are and those who are not infected. For example, during the Vietnamese war girls and women were tagged, like animals in an experiment. One official brothel in Saigon, Brownmiller writes, hung signs that read "Girls With Tags Are Clean" and, presumably to avoid confusion, "Girls Without Tags Are Diseased." Brownmiller also documents mutilation, such as that which occurred in World War II, as another alternative which proved successful: "When the syphilitic German has used a French or Belgian girl, he cuts off her breast as warning to the next German soldier." But perhaps Lenz had more humane alternatives in mind to keep the diseased personnel appropriately segregated.

And lastly, in regard to eliminating pimps, how will this be accomplished by establishing government controlled brothels? Would not the provincial government then necessarily become the pimp? The "physical and emotional cruelty" would not be eliminated by doing this. Only the responsibility would change, shifting from street pimps to the governmental pimps bound by bureaucracy to keep the red tape flowing and the red lights glowing.

"The Best Little Whore Houses" exist only on film, Lenz. It's time to look at the reality, past and present, of the "oldest profession."

C. McKenzie  
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**God's looking Lenz**

I am writing in response to your editorial in the September 15th issue of *Gateway*. I enjoyed your opinions on prostitution and the fact that you took the time to try and work out a solution. However, I feel you would have profited by more research and changed your viewpoint. (sic) The "outdated codified morality" which you think so little of, was set down in the Bible thirty-five hundred years ago by various men under the inspiration of God. This fact will leave you "practically indifferent," however, it is more important that we understand why God did so.

Prostitution is unfortunately not a victimless crime. Both the buyer and the seller are victims. Their financial, social and psychological surroundings force them into a life which is anything but a happy exchange of services. Since space is the limiting factor, I will just deal with the seller.

The fact that human beings are forced by social